

Remarks

This case has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action wherein claims 1-36 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Curtis (US Patent 6,081,769, hereinafter "Curtis"). In this amendment: claims 3 and 21 have been canceled; claims 1, 4-7, 19, and 22-25 have been amended as described below. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-2, 4-20, and 22-36 are pending in this application. Reconsideration in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

As agreed in an Examiner's Interview of June 4, 2003, Curtis neither teaches, suggests, nor discloses the apparatus limitation of "a single-wire interface adapted for converting single-wire data to said acquired data" as recited in original dependent claim 3 and in original independent claim 11, nor does Curtis teach, suggest, or disclose the method limitation of "converting single-wire data to said acquired data" as recited in original dependent claim 21 and original independent claim 29. In the interest of expediting processing of the application, Applicants have re-presented claim 3 in independent form as claim 1, re-presented claim 21 in independent form as claim 19, and canceled claims 3 and 21. Claims 4-7, originally depending from claim 3, have been currently amended to depend from claim 1. Similarly, claims 22-25, originally depending from claim 21, have been currently amended to depend from claim 19. It should be noted that such amendment does not narrow the scope of claims 4-7 and 22-25.

For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 19, particularly as amended, and independent claims 11 and 29, as originally presented, are allowable and respectfully request their rejection be withdrawn. As claims 2 and 4-10 depend (either directly or indirectly) from 1; claims 12-18 depend from 11; claims 20, and 22-28 depend from 19, and claims 30-36 depend from 29, Applicants respectfully submit these dependent claims are similarly allowable and respectfully request their rejection also be withdrawn.

Concluding Comments

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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